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Is there any unit

in Home Ministry

which takes care

of this problem?

(Which unit was in  
charge of the earlier  
Netaji inquiries?)

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JS(15) - Shri J.C. Pandey in Home Ministry  
has been dealing with matters relating earlier Netaji  
inquiries.

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(N.S. Sreeraman)

31.7.80

I.A.

But Shri J.C. Pandey  
is being transferred  
according to the papers?

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Shri Pandey was technically to have  
handed over charge yesterday evening, but has  
not done so yet since his successor has not  
joined. It seems it might take a few days  
more. Shri Pandey is functioning in NHA today.

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I.A.

You may kindly refer the  
matter to the Home Ministry  
for their examination. ~~They~~

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Hy Suresh  
J.C.



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Mr Tatsuo Hayashida of Japan had written to P.M. in June last suggesting that arrangements be made to bring the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to India for permanent repose. Prime Minister had remarked as follows:

"I agree. But the Forward Bloc will oppose vehemently and others may join".

Ministry of Home Affairs having examined the request feel that this is linked with the demand voiced from time to time for a fresh inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose - an issue which Prof Samar Guha had relentlessly pursued. Govt had taken the stand that already two inquiries had been held into the death of Netaji which held that the report of Netaji's death was true; no useful purpose would be served by a further inquiry. Finally, Prof Samar Guha ended his 'crusade', as he put it.

In this context Ministry of Home Affairs feel that letters such as Shri Hayashida's are a continuous effort by certain quarters to keep the issue alive, and it would not be opportune to reopen the issue. MHA have suggested that the matter may be left to rest there and such correspondence may be ignored.

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The matter may be allowed to rest (under these circumstances) as the matter is free from controversy & there is a wide consensus, it would be difficult to take action on such suggestions.  
22/4/81

(M.S. Sreeraman)  
20.4.81

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21/4/81  
H. S. Sreeraman

C.M.P. No. 11972  
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**CORRESPONDENCE**



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38 21st Street, 3-choime  
Haruyoshi, Chuoku, Fukuoka, Japan

June 17, 1980

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi  
India

Dear Madam Prime Minister:

I, the undersigned, am a former Japanese Army officer, who escorted the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Taipei, Formosa, where Netaji met the misfortune of being killed in a plane crash, to Tokyo soon after Japan surrendered to the Allied Powers in August, 1945.

I personally met you at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo when you visited Japan on June 27, 1969. I am enclosing some of the photographs taken of me with Prime Minister Gandhi.

For the past two decades, I have kept appealing to the Government of India for considering the return of Netaji Chandra Bose's ashes to his home country, because I feel responsible for the final disposition of his ashes, as the escort officer who had the honor, albeit in a sad circumstance, to take Netaji's ashes from the place of his untimely death to Tokyo, a foreign capital so far away from his motherland. When I was invited to India to attend the Indian Independence Anniversary and also Netaji Chandra Bose's birthday celebration on January 23, 1971, I appealed personally to the Government of India and all the Indian people whom I met.

I believe that it is high time Netaji Chandra Bose's ashes, left alone in an obscure Buddhist temple in a foreign land for thirty-five long years, were returned to his motherland for the permanent and peaceful repose of his soul. Hardly a day passed without my thinking of my duty as the escort officer to carry Netaji Chandra Bose's ashes to his final place of repose for the thirty-five years that have passed since the day I received order from the higher headquarters of the Japanese Army, which no longer exists anywhere in this world, to take care of Netaji's ashes. In fact, when I received the orders to escort Netaji's ashes, I felt as if I was ordered to try my best to protect the soul of the deceased leader of India. And thirty-five long years have gone by, without anything being done about the ashes and soul of Netaji Chandra Bose. Is this the right way to handle the great leader of India? I still vividly remember the moment I completed my mission of escorting the ashes to Tokyo. As time goes on, however, I have become increasingly conscious and guilty about my not having completed my mission, as the ashes are still left alone in Japan. Netaji Chandra Bose has since become so dear and near to my heart.

In June, 1978, I entrusted Mr. Tatsumaru Sugiyama, Secretary-General of International Culture and Welfare Association with its headquarters in Fukuoka, Japan, with the task of delivering my letter to the then Prime



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Minister Shri Morarji Desai, appealing him to do something about Netaji's ashes. I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I received from Mr. N.S. Screerman, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, in response to the letter I had sent to the Prime Minister.

Mr. SASAGAWA Ryoichi, chairman of the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Association, is so concerned about the ashes of the former great leader of India being still left alone in Japan that he offered to cooperate with me in having Netaji's ashes back to India in a proper manner. Mr. Sasagawa and myself would like very much to see that Netaji's ashes and soul will be brought back to his motherland for a permanent repose at no cost to the Government of India, if you could have your permission, or blessing, to do so.

I would like to ask you to give this matter your kind consideration and let us send Netaji's soul back to India.

Thank you very much.

*Tatsuo Hayashida*

Tatsuo Hayashida



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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

We forward herewith a copy of a letter dated 17th June, 1980 addressed to the Prime Minister by Shri Tatsuo Hayashida from Japan suggesting that arrangements be made to bring the ashes of Netaji Subhas Bose to India for permanent repose. It is requested that the suggestion may kindly be examined and a note submitted to the Prime Minister.

6/8/80  
o/c (N.S. Sreeraman)  
Deputy Secretary  
6.8.80

Encl: AS above.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri J.C. Pandey, JS)

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

Monday, December 1, 1980/Agrahayana 10, 1902 (Saka)

#### Construction of Netaji Bhavan at Delhi

1922. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION  
AND SOCIAL WELFARE

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Azad Hind Fauj Association has urged the Government to utilise the Netaji treasure lying in the National Museum for construction of a Netaji Bhavan at Delhi;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) if so, the site selected and the amount proposed to be spent on the construction of this Bhavan?

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We do not appear to have received, in the recent past, any such suggestions as mentioned in part (a) of the Question. Since, however, the date of the purported suggestions is not mentioned in the Question, we will need some more time to check our records of the past and to be sure that no such suggestions has ever been received.

The Questions handled by this office in the past related to the bringing of the treasure to India at the instance of the then Prime Minister and its lodging in the National Museum. This office handled the Questions in view of the sensitiveness of the issue raised and the fact that the treasure was brought at the instance of the then Prime Minister.

The present Question is, however, unrelated to the earlier issue, and its thrust is on the suggestion for a Memorial to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose utilising the Netaji treasure. As such we consider it appropriate for this Question to be handled by the Deptt of Culture.

(N.S. Sreeraman)  
Deputy Secretary

M/Education, Deptt of Culture.

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